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WEDDED BLISS

HUF HUF HUF

RICE

LIQUOR

FOOD

WHAT--?! MR. YOSHI-YUKI!

For Stamina

GOING HOME AL-READY?

ISN'T IT A BIT EARLY??

NOT FOR A SATUR-DAY!

HUF HUF

HMM--- NEWLY-WEDS, EH?

For Stamina

THIS IS NO LAUGH-ING MATTER!

I HAVE TO GET HOME!

HI THERE!

CHOP
CHOP
CHOP
CHOP
OH, MAKOTO... PLEASE HURRY HOME!
KANAE! IT'S ME! I'M BACK!
OH, MAKOTO! YOU DID HURRY, YOU DID!
ZOOM
SLAM
I'M READY FOR YOU!
KLINK KLINK
AND I FOR YOU!
BAM
OH, DAR-LING!

OH, KANAE !

VIP VIP VIP

OH, MAKOTO !

PIYO PIYO

NOTHIN' TO IT !

SHP

CLOP

SHP

JUST A WARM-UP!

OH, YEAH ?!!

FSK

VWOOM

KRASH

TAKE THIS !

OH NO, THEY'VE STARTED ALREADY!

SSSSSSS BRRRSH

WAAH! WAAH!

BOW WOW WOW

AND THIS!! KA-POW

WHOOSH

BAM

RATTLE RATTLE RATTLE

WHAM

SLAM

VOOP

GYAAAA!

OOO.

RUZK

TJP TJP

AH.

WHEW I DID IT!

BOOM

VOMP

TINKLE

KLONG

KRIK

BASH

BASH

I... I CAN'T TAKE IT... ANY MORE...

FWOOMP

DOOM

WAAH! WAAAH!

WE'RE BOTH AWFULLY SORRY.

WELL, YOU SHOULD BE!

EVERY TIME YOU DO THIS, MY BABY STARTS CRYING!

WAAAH! WAAH!

AND BEFORE I CAN CALM HIM DOWN...

...THAT DOG ACROSS THE STREET STARTS BARKING!

AND THE BABY STARTS CRYING EYEN *MORE!*

DO YOU KNOW HOW FRUSTRA-TING THAT IS?!

WE ARE SO *TERRIBLY* SORRY.

?

YOU'RE GOING TO PAY FOR MY BOWLS!

AND THE VASE THAT BROKE AT MY PLACE!

YES'M.

SLAM

WHEW

LET'S CAL-CULATE TODAY'S EX-PENSES.

2000 YEN FOR MRS. AKI-YAMA'S BOWLS...

5000 YEN FOR MRS. INOUE'S YASE...

2205 YEN FOR MRS. UEDA'S GAS BILL...

'KAY... 'KAY... 'KAY...

PIP PIP

WAIT A MINUTE. DID YOU SAY "GAS BILL" ?!

WHY, THAT GREEDY OLD--

PIYO PIYO

IT'S NOT FAIR !!

WELL, GOOD LUCK GETTING THE MONEY BACK NOW!

WE'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO BUY OUR OWN HOUSE WITH ALL THESE EXPENSES.

IT'S ALL THEIR FAULT...

SNZ

ZIP

MAKOTO...

WHO IS THAT WOMAN...?!?

Coffee & Snack SEA BREEZE

IT MUST HAVE BEEN FATE THAT BROUGHT MAKOTO AND ME TOGETHER.

KANAE, LET'S GO TO THE PUBLIC BATH.

SURE!

HAVE ANY TWO PEOPLE LOVED A GOOD FIGHT MORE?

YOU TWO GET ALONG SO WELL!

I HAD ANOTHER GREAT WORK DAY--

--AND I OWE IT ALL TO BLOWING OFF ALL MY STEAM AT HOME!

OH, MAKOTO, I'M SO LUCKY!

MY MOTHER SAID THAT I LOOK SO MUCH HAPPIER SINCE I GOT MARRIED.

I TOLD HER IT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE ALWAYS THERE FOR ME.

THE EX-PENSES ARE THE ONLY PROB-LEM.

AH, THAT FELT GOOD.

YOU'RE LATE AGAIN.

DAMN, YOU'RE SEXY WHEN YOUR HAIR'S WET.

IT'S NO USE FLATTER-ING ME.

CAN'T TAKE A COMPLI-MENT, CAN YOU?

TUG

OW!

WHY, YOU--!

THOK

TAKE THAT!

WHAP

AND THAT!

NN YAA!

BLORP

RWORT

OFFICER, THERE THEY ARE!

THAT SAME STUPID COUPLE!

Women

SIGH...

WELCO--

ZOOP

EVEN OUR BATH EXPENSES GET OUT OF HAND.

DOOM

WAA AAH! WAA AH!

THIS HAS GONE JUST ABOUT TOO FAR!

WAAH!

EVERY DAY YOU DESTROY OUR PEACE AND QUIET!

THE NEXT TIME WE HEAR A FIGHT FROM YOUR APARTMENT-- WE'LL HAVE YOU *EVICTED!*

JUST CONSIDER YOURSELVES LUCKY THAT WE'RE NOT HAVING YOU ARRESTED FOR DISTURBING THE PEACE!

YES... WELL...

WHAT CAN WE SAY...

3000 YEN FOR MRS. AKI-YAMA'S ELEC-TRICITY BILL...

2400 YEN FOR MRS. INOUE'S WATER BILL...

2800 YEN FOR MRS. UEDA'S GAS BILL.

DANG, THEY'RE MAKING A *PROFIT* ON THIS!

IT WAS A PRETTY ROUGH DAY TODAY, THOUGH.

MAKOTO, YOU HAVE A BRUISE...

WHAT SHOULD WE DO IF WE GET THROWN OUT?

THE MOVING EXPENSES ALONE WOULD DRAIN OUR ACCOUNT!

IT CAN'T BE HELPED... WE'LL HAVE TO CUT BACK FOR A WHILE.

SNIK

BUT WON'T YOU GET STRESSED OUT AT WORK?

MAYBE I'LL RELIEVE IT BY PICKING A FIGHT WITH A YAKUZA.

DON'T BE RIDICU-LOUS!

IT'S ONLY UNTIL WE BUY OUR OWN HOUSE...

HEH HEH HEH

ONLY... ONLY...

TWITCH TWITCH

TILL WE GET OUR OWN HOUSE...

AND WE'LL NEVER WORRY ABOUT BEING INTER-RUPTED AGAIN!

WAAH! WAAH!

THEY'RE NOT FIGHTING, DEAR.

SOBB

WE'LL BE ABLE TO FIGHT ALL WE WANT!

OH, MAKOTO!

VIP

SIZZLE

CAN'T... TAKE THIS... MUCH LONGER...

SNAP

GOTTA... GOTTA FIGHT.

HEY! YOSHI-YUKI!

GET OVER HERE!

MANAGER FUJII

WHAT IS IT?!

WHAT ARE THESE ?!?

FILES! WHADDA-YA THINK ?!!

I KNOW THEY'RE FILES!!

SO DON'T ASK!!

BAM

.....
....

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH HIM? HE'S ALWAYS SUCH A NICE EASYGOING KIND OF GUY.

I HEAR HE HAD A FIGHT WITH HIS WIFE.

I--I KNOW. WE'LL ARGUE ON THE PHONE.

MAYBE-- MAYBE THAT'LL TAKE CARE OF IT...

HUHH.. HUHH..

SHE... SHE'S NOT HOME...

RRRR RRRR

KANAE, YOU @★@★#!!

WHAM

EEP!

PRETTY BAD, I GUESS.

MUST BE THEIR FIRST FIGHT.

HUHH HUHH HUHH

SOME TEA, MR. YOSHI-YUKI?

YEAH... YEAH... TEA...

WHAT'S THE MATTER? YOU'RE NOT YOUR USUAL SELF.

OH... OH R-R-REALLY... ??

I...I WANT TO THROW THIS...

REALLY... REALLY... HARD!

Tea SPoT

THIS MUST BE HIS OFFICE...

CADENCE BOOKS

TO THINK THAT HE FORGOT THE LUNCH I MADE HIM...

HEH HEH... WELL, NOW I'VE GOT MY EXCUSE.

I'LL LEAD HIM INTO SOME ALLEY.

MY WHOLE BODY IS ITCHING FOR A...

SOME-
THING
AWFUL
MUST
HAVE
HAP-
PENED.

OHH,
N-N-
NOT
REALLY...

DID YOUR
WIFE
GIVE YOU
THAT
BRUISE?

YEAH.

HOW
TERRI-
BLE.

DO I
LOOK
THAT
BAD?

NO,
YOUR
WIFE.

HOW
DOES SHE
KNOW
WHAT I
LOOK
LIKE...
?!

SAY...

...DO YOU
WANT
TO HAVE
DINNER
TONIGHT
?

HMM...

...IF I GO HOME I'M BOUND TO FIGHT WITH KANAE...

SAY NO, MAKOTO!

WHAT CAN YOU SEE IN THAT WEAK-LING?!

...BUT IF I CAN PICK A FIGHT AT A BAR...

YEAH! YEAH!!

ALL RIGHT!

GR AU GHG!

AH, MUCH BET-TER.

I'M HO...

SPLAT

KA-KANAE?

STEP OUT-SIDE.

WAR

HORNET

H-HEY, WAIT!

AR

I SAID, STEP OUT-SIDE.

B-B-BUT WE PRO-MISED...

...IF WE GET THROWN OUT...

WAR

HORNET

DON'T WORRY. I'LL TAKE YOU SOME-PLACE WHERE THEY WON'T HEAR THE SCREAMS.

SIZZLE

WAR

HORNET

THE POOR THING SEEMS REALLY STRESSED OUT.

OF COURSE. MEN CAN FIND RELEASE OUTSIDE THEIR HOMES...

STOMP

...BUT ALL SHE HAS IS ME, POOR DEAR...

I'M KINDA TIRED, BUT... OH WELL...

...I GUESS I CAN RISE TO THE CHAL-LENGE.

WAR

SIZZLE

HWWOOOOOO

DANGER
NO
TRES-
PASSING

WAR

YOU'RE HOT TONIGHT, KANAE!

YEAH! I'M BURN-ING UP!

GUESS I'VE GOTTA TAKE THIS SERIOUSLY!

FLING

GET READY!!

VOOM

CHOMP

WAR

HORNET

YOW!

SHRAK

RIP RIP RIP RIP

THIS FEELS DIFFERENT THAN USUAL.

TIME OUT !!

THERE'S NO TIME OUT IN A REAL FIGHT!

KANAE...

YOU'RE C-C-CRYING...?!

WAR

.....

.....

SNIF SNIF SNIF

AR

OH, HONEY! YOU'RE CRYING WITH JOY!

YOU IDIOT!!

YOU HAD DINNER WITH ANOTHER WOMAN!

WHAT?

I FOLLOWED YOU TO THAT CAFE!

OH, HER.

SHE GOT FED UP WHEN SHE SAW ME HAVING A BLAST IN A BAR FIGHT--

--SO SHE LEFT.

HA HA HA!

I GOT DUMPED.

IT WAS THE FIRST TIME I EVER CRIED DURING A FIGHT.

JERK!! CREEP!! @★@★#!!

I NEVER WANT FIGHTING TO BE SO SAD AGAIN.

I DON'T CARE!!

RRAKK

IN A MARRIAGE, FIGHTING SHOULD ALWAYS BE FUN.

OH, HONNN-NNNN-NNEY...

KU-NK

PIYO PI

WANNA GO FOR IT?

WHAM!

KRASH

BASH

SMASH!

WAAAH!

BOW WOW WOW!

GET... OUT!!!

WE'LL START PACKING RIGHT AWAY.

THAT DARN CAT

ONE DAY IN SEPTEMBER, I AGREED TO TAKE CARE OF A CAT FOR A FRIEND. HE WAS VERY CUTE, BUT CUTENESS DOESN'T MAKE A STORY, SO I'LL HAVE TO TELL YOU ABOUT THE OTHER THINGS.
THE FIRST DAY, HE HID AND WOULDN'T COME OUT.
I WAS TOO WORRIED TO CONCEN-TRATE ON MY LAY-OUTS...
CAT HERE
...SO I WENT TO BED.
HE WOKE ME UP AROUND 3 A.M.
MYOW MYOW
WHAT HAP-PENED?
1
.....
BA
BOOM

I MADE SURE IT WOULD NOT HAPPEN AGAIN.

I'LL LOCK YOU IN!

MYOW MYOW MYOW

BY THE TIME I GOT THE CHAIR CLEANED UP AND CAME BACK...

IT CAN'T BE! HE DIS-APPEARED!

GASP!

IT WAS STILL LOCKED.

AS SOON AS I WENT LOOK-ING...

MIN!

MIN!

...HE POPPED RIGHT OUT.

MIN?

WHAT ARE YOU, A TELE-PORTER...?

HE HAD ME GOING CRAZY...

...UNTIL I FINALLY FIGURED OUT HE'D JUST SLIPPED THROUGH THE BARS.

AFTER THREE DAYS HE WAS RIGHT AT HOME.

COMFY, ARE YOU?

THEN MY EDITOR FROM SHONEN SUNDAY CAME BY.

LAYOUT

MIN WAS USUALLY SHY, BUT NOT THAT DAY...

HEY!

SPROING

I COULD SEE WHAT HE WAS PLAN-NING...

"SUDDENLY HE JUMPED UP AND--"

SO...YOU THINK YOU CAN JUMP, TOO, EH?

IF YOU HAVE THE GUTS... DO IT!

YOOOM

FUMP

HA HA HA HA HA

TONK

BRAVO!

WHAT A NATURAL ATHLETE!

THE FIFTH DAY. I WAS DONE WITH WORK AND WAS RELAXING AND MAKING PHONE CALLS.

OH, HE'S FINE. USES THE LITTERBOX AND ALL. YEAH, HE'S SO CUTE!

I GOT HOT SO I STUCK MY FOOT OUT.

SWISH

.....

PLISH

I HAD TO WASH FOUR FUTONS.

BAD CAT! BAD CAT! BAD CAT!

FWAP

THE NEXT DAY, IT WAS A CUSHION. AND I ONLY TOOK MY EYES OFF HIM FOR THREE SECONDS.

MAN, HE'S FAST...

BOING

VROOM

THEN I HAD A LOT OF ERRANDS TO DO. EVERY TIME I CAME HOME HE'D KISS UP TO ME.

MYOW MYOW

OH, YEAH, NOW YOU'RE CUTE!

WHEN I WOKE UP, I FOUND HIM IN MY SEAT.

ONLY BECAUSE IT'S WARM...

HOW TOUCH-ING!

HE'D SLEEP ON MY LAP MOST OF THE DAY.

I CAN'T WORK.

EVERY NIGHT IT WAS PARTY TIME...

BOING VROOM THUMP

I CAN'T WORK!!

I HAD HIM FOR TEN DAYS, ALL TOLD.

ASSISTANT A-KO

TIME TO SAY GOOD-BYE, MIN!

MIN'S OWNER'S FRIEND'S ASSISTANT, B-KO

THANKS FOR TAKING CARE OF HIM.

MIN MUST BE SORRY TO LEAVE.

YOU COULD AT LEAST LOOK AT ME!

IT TOOK ME DAYS TO STOP THINKING ABOUT HOW WARM HE WAS.

I COULD DRAW MYSELF SPACING OUT, BUT I'D RATHER DRAW HOW MIN SLEPT. THE LAZY SLOB.

A CRY FOR HELP

RRRRING

SIGH

SEE YA!

HEY! YO! HEY! YO!

SEE YA TOMOR-ROW!

HIROMI!

NORMAL HIGH

OH! MAKOTO!

SO WHAT WAS IT TODAY?

I HEARD IT ALL THE WAY IN MY CLASS!

YOU LOOK SO QUIET, BUT, BOY...

THAT TEACHER WAS PICK-ING ON ME!

.....

EVERYBODY KNOWS HE'S A TOTAL JERK TO STUDENTS...

...BUT EVEN I'D FEEL SORRY FOR HIM AFTER WHAT YOU DID!

YOU WOULD ?!

JUST STICK TO THE PUNKS!

I THINK THEY'RE AVOIDING ME THESE DAYS.

ARE YOU SURPRISED ?

IF I HADN'T KNOWN YOU SINCE KINDERGARTEN, I'D BE TOO SCARED TO GET *NEAR* Y--

CHUNK

HEY... HIROMI...

SCARED ?? SCARED OF *ME*... ?!

DON'T GET UPSET!

I'M NOT DOING IT... BECAUSE I *LIKE* TO...

HUFF HUFF

WHAT'S THIS? GETTIN' LOVER-BOY ALL HEATED UP?

VOTE FOR ME

WHO ARE YOU... ?!

JUST... TOURISTS.

WON'T YOU CONTRIBUTE TO OUR FUND?

YOU'RE FROM OUT OF TOWN, AREN'T YOU?

SO?

PUNKS FROM THIS TOWN WOULD NEVER PICK ON HIROMI!

OH? TOUGH GUY, HUH?

STOP IT!

UM...

TUGG

H-HEY! YOU MEAN THIS HIROMI IS...

YES, *THAT* HIROMI YAKUSHA-MARU!

L-LET ME GO!

HIROMI YAKUSHA-MARU...

DOOM

THE TERRI-BLE... "*HELP*" MAN !!

DUDE, THIS IS *BAD*.

SELF-DEFENSE FORCE!

WHAT, YOU KNOW THIS GEEK?

QUEZZ-GO! GRAND

HE REALLY MESSED MY BUDDY UP, MAN!

OH, YEAH?

WHADJA DO?

PEE ON HIS LEG?

L-LET ME GO!

I-I CAN'T TAKE IT MUCH LONGER...

SO, WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO, HUH?!

POOM

WHA KA

.....

TREMBLE TREMBLE

ALL RIGHT!

HIROMI, DON'T !!

WE GOTTA RUN !

WHEN HE TAKES HIS GLASSES OFF...

SHUT UP! DON'T LET HIM SCARE YA!

OKAY, WIMP !

NO! PLEASE! PLEASE STOP !!

TR-R-R-R-EMBLE...

WHIMPER

HE WA
WAAH!
WAAH!
H-HEY, STOP!
PEOPLE ARE LOOK-ING!
BZZ BZZ BZZ
HELP! HELP!
THERE HE GOES.
OH, GREAT.
OH!
SOB!!
Yes No
.....
HELP! WAAA AAH! WAA AAH!
STOP IT! YOU'RE EMBAR-RASSING ME!
GROC
WHAT... WAS... THAT ?!?
WE TOLD YOU... HE'S THE "HELP-" MAN!
BZZ BZZ BZZ
SHAME!
JUST SCUM, THAT'S ALL!
THEY MADE HIM CRY!
THOSE AWFUL BULLIES!

THERE GOES "HELP"-MAN AGAIN.

HE CERTAINLY CRIES A LOT FOR HIS AGE.

WAA

AH!

SNIFF

.....

WHEW

PEEK

THEY'RE GONE...

WE'RE LUCKY.

LUCKY?! LUCKY ?!?

I'D RATHER GET BEATEN UP!!

BUT I'M WEAK...

IT'S THE ONLY WAY I CAN PROTECT MYSELF.

SLAP

FOR RENT

YOU...
YOU...

MAKOTO!

MAKO--

BOO

COWARD!

I CAN'T TAKE IT ANY-MORE!

WHAT ARE YOU, A WEAKLING ?

YES... I AM...

HUH ?!

WH-WHO'S THERE ??

HYAH !!

THUKK

.....

YES! I DID IT! I DID IT!

YOU'RE MINE, ALL MINE! HOO-HOOOOO!

.....
....

WAIT! I HAVE TO WIND IT UP FOR YOU!

.....

TP TP TP

HEY !!

VROOM

WAIT !!

HELP!

NO!

Cafe de MOCHA

HELLP!

THERE HE GOES AGAIN.

BONK

I FIGURED THE CRYBABY WOULD COME BACK FOR HIS BAG!

TH-THERE'S A M-M-MON--

FORGET IT- THIS TIME WE'RE READY!

YY-P

PLAP

LET'S GO!

SQUISH

SHK SHK SHK

IDIOT! WHY'D YOU GO BACK...?

BEST IN JAPAN 20 METERS AHEAD

HUF HUF HUF

WELL, LET HIM GET HURT FOR ONCE!

MAYBE THAT'LL TEACH HIM THAT CRYING'S NO ANSWER!

RENT A SPACE

C'MON, YOU CAN BEAT HIM UP WITHOUT TYING HIS HANDS!

I KNOW THAT, DOPE!

THIS IS SO HE CAN'T TAKE THE TAPE OFF!

WHAP

YEAH, YEAH, GOOD IDEA!

CRY NOW, BABY!

JERK

I SAID CRY!

PAP PAP PAP

CRY!!

BOOT

THUP

HANG ON!

GIVE ME A SECOND TO ACTIVATE THE ENERGY REPOLAR-IZER!

!?

IT CONVERTS NEGATIVE ENERGY INTO POSITIVE!

YOU'RE WEAK... SO IT'LL MAKE YOU STRONG!

HERE... GOES!!

JUST ONE TEAR-DROP!

CRY, YOU BABY!

FOOS

ACK!

HUH?

CANS - Open other side

東

WHAT'S THIS KEY DOING HERE?!

YEAH! WIND 'IM UP!

KRNK KRNK

I...I WONDER IF HE'S ALL RIGHT...

KRR KRR KRR

HEY !!

BING BING

KL ANK KL ANK

WHAT'S WITH HIM ?!

VRRM

KTONK KTONK

KRRR KRRR

KKK K"

WHPP

NO--

MY BELT !

FLOP

HE'S GONNA CRY AGAIN !

LET 'IM! NOBODY CAN HEAR US OUT HERE!

CRY... ??

HEH HEH HEHHH...

CANS - Open other side

HA HA HA HA

UH-OH!

YOU... WEAK-LINGS!!

KYAA

OOOM

W!

M-M-M-MON-STER!

NYA HA HA HAA HA!

HIROMI!

MAKOTO!

COME WITH ME!

VSSH

WHAT'S GOING ON--?!?

GO! GO! GO!

SO I'M A COWARD, AM I?!

POOM

EEEEK!

HAHAHA

HELP!

TUM PUM

YOU'LL NEVER GET AWAY, FOOLS!

SHA AKK

K-K-K-K

YIKES!

HEH HEH HEH HEH!

OOPS. LOOKS LIKE WE WOUND DOWN.

K-K-K-K...

K...

HUH?

MY HAND HURTS!

BOO HOO HOO HOO

MAKOTO, MY HAND, MY HAND!

.....

CREEP CREEP CREEP

RUN!

AFTER 'EM! AFTER 'EM!

NO! THEY'LL HIT ME!

WHO ARE YOU--AND WHAT DID YOU DO TO HIROMI...?!

I'M AN ALIEN!

KZRK KZRK

THERE ARE NO SUCH THINGS AS ALIENS!

COULD HAVE FOOLED ME!

KZRK

PUFF PUFF

H-H-HIROMI, LET'S GO HOME...

I'M... K-K-KINDA TIRED!

DON'T PRE-TEND I'M NOT HERE!

HEH HEH!

GO, GO, GO!

GYA HA HA HA HA HA!

WAIT, HIROMI!

THOSE COWARDS WON'T GET AWAY FROM ME!

HIM...?! YAKUSHA-MARU?!

WHAT ARE YOU GUYS ON?

IT'S TRUE, BOSS!

H-HE STARTS LAUGHING, AND... AND...

HA HA HA HA

I'VE KNOCKED HIM AROUND A COUPLE TIMES.

OH NO! HERE HE COMES!

THAT CRYIN' WAS PRETTY ANNOY-ING, BUT--

HI-YAA AHH!

KA-DOOM

MY... MY NEW CAR...

K...K...

KRU NCH

OH...

!!

I'M SORRY!

DON'T HIT ME!

BOW

IT-IT-IT-IT'S OKAY! IT WAS AN ACCIDENT!

BUT... YOUR DOOR...

I...I... I...

WELL, YOU... YOU COULD SEND ME A CHECK...

KRNK KRNK

A CHECK? TO YOU?!

VRRRM

AHAHAHA

AFTER YOU HIT ME, AUGUST 29, TWO YEARS AGO, AT 5:23 P.M. ?!?

I KEEP A DIARY OF THIS STUFF!

MY CAR!!

GIVE IT UP, FOOL !!

CHOW

BLONG

EEE-YAA GAH !!

MOMMY!

HIIII-YAA AH!

SMAK

HE'S WRECKING THE CITY!

SOMEBODY CALL THE ARMY !!

WA HA HA HA!

STOP! STOP! STOP!

GO! GO! GO!

SMASH EVERY-THING !!

BWAHAHAHAHAH!!

HEY!

BOP

OW!

DAD!

ARE YOU MESSING WITH THE NATIVES AGAIN?!

GIMME THIS!

NO! NOT NOW! NOT NOW!

HEE HEE HA HA...

K-K

POKO SICO

POP

HOT BACHS

HIROMI!

SLAM

BUS STOP

YOU MADE HIM FALL!

TOUGH LUCK!

BZZZ BZZ

BZZ BZ

BZZ BZZ

HIROMI! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT...?

SPEAK TO ME!

BZZZ BZZZ

YAMMER YAMMER

HIROMI?!?

BLINK

MAKE ROOM!

.....

SO WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA, KID?

THEY... UHH... THEY WOUND ME UP...

HE WAS CONTROLLED BY ALIENS!

WELL, HE WAS!

ALIENS?!

BOO

BOO

HISS HISS

IT'S TRUE, I'M TELLING YOU!

BOOOO BOOOO

HISS HISS

.....

HEH HEH HEH HEH...

WAHAHAHA!

YOW!!

HEHEHEHEHEH

RUN! RUN!

RUN FOR YOUR LIVES!!

HEH HEH HEH...

QUICK! LET'S RUN WHILE WE CAN!

HUH?!

THERE'S NO WAY THEY WERE GONNA BELIEVE US!

YOU MEAN YOU *FAKED* THAT?

HAVE YOU NO *PRIDE*?!?

TUP TUP TUP

STORY

WAR COUNCIL

BACK-FENCE GOSSIP LEADS TO MATRIMONY!

WARTIME HIGH

DANGER: STUDENTS AND EMPLOYEES ONLY

WE RE-PEAT...

BACK-FENCE GOS-SIP...

PSST PSST

PSST PSST

OH...! I GET TO SEE NANAKO !

AT FIRST GLANCE, HE APPEARS TO BE JUST AN ORDINARY STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBER.

TUP TUP TUP

HE IS, IN FACT, THE SECRETARY.

HWOOOOOOO

SECRETARY'S NOTEBOOK

THE RAIN IN JAPAN STAYS MAINLY IN...

... NAGASAKI!

ALL RIGHT, YOU MAY PASS!

YU SANADA, SECRE-TARY!

NOK NOK

NO ADMIT-TANCE

ALL RIGHT, COME IN!

ALL OFFICIAL STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE PRESENT!

KLIK

NANAKO!

NO SURREN-DER

COM-RADES

OSC RULES

TO THE DEATH!

OFFICIAL STUDENT COUNCIL

LOOSE LIPS...

SIT DOWN, SANADA!

THE WALLS HAVE EARS

YES, NANAKO.

NO TRASH

I'LL PERFORM MY SECRE-TARIAL DUTIES TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY, NANAKO!

THE EARLY BIRD GETS THE WORM!

THE WORM WILL TURN!

TRUST NO ONE

STOP REPEAT-ING MY NAME, IDIOT!

.....

SECRETARY'S NOTEBOOK

SCOOT

FWAP

WELL... TODAY...

OSC Lives

VIVA OSC!

AHEM!

THE PRESIDENT HAS AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT TO MAKE!

NANAKO AOI, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE OFFICIAL STUDENT COUNCIL.

B-BUT THE PRESIDENT'S NOT HERE!

SCRIBBLE

HA HA!

VP

OH? ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THAT?

HA HA HA!

I'D KNOW IF THE PRESIDENT--

YEAH?! SO WHO AM I, HUH?!

OH MI-GOD!

VOOP

SCRIBBLE

MR. PRESI-DENT! WHAT HAP-PENED?!

LOOSE LIPS

WHAT DO YOU THINK ?!?

THEY DID IT TO ME!

OH, THE PAIN, THE PAIN...!

"THEY"? Y'MEAN THE JOCK STUDENT COUNCIL?

OR THE NERD STUDENT COUNCIL?

LOOSE LIPS...

BOTH !!

OFFICIAL STUDENT COUNCIL

BA M

TO THE ATH

WHY DO I HAVE TO GO THROUGH THIS?! ARRRR GGHH!!

I CAN'T STAND IT !!

I QUIT !!

YOU MUST BE JOKING!

LOOSE LIPS...

"HE QUITS...!"

HAVE I EVER MADE A JOKE?

I RESIGN POSSESSION OF THE OFFICIAL STAMP--AS OF NOW!!

WH A M

SCRIBBLE

THE STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENTIAL STAMP!

THE PRESIDENT'S BADGE OF OFFICE!

WELL? WHO'S GOING TO SUCCEED ME?!

SCRIBBLE

WHATEVER IDIOT TAKES IT--WILL BE *PRESIDENT!*

YOU!

GYAA AAH! NO!

YOU! OR YOU!

I D-DECLINE DUE TO HEALTH REASONS!

UNITY

I'M THE TREASURER! I ONLY DO MONEY!

VP

HMM. TOO DANGEROUS FOR ONE AS LOVELY AS YOU...

SCRIBBLE SCRIBBLE

NO IDEAS

AT'A!

SHHp SHHp

SCRIBBLE SCRIBBLE

SAA-NAAA-DAAA!

YES?

THIS IS FOR YOU!

NO SUR-RENDER

HEY! HEY! HEY!

WHAT ?!

REALLY ?!?

I CAN HAVE THIS?

SANADA!

W-W-WHAT IS IT, NANAKO ?

DO YOU UNDER-STAND WHAT THE OFFICE OF PRESI-DENT INVOLVES?

OH, YES! IT INVOLVES SPENDING TIME WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT... NANAKO!

....

YOU HEARD HIM!

HE DOESN'T GET IT AT ALL!

VP

NO TRASH

HE JUST JOINED TO FILL IN FOR THE SECRETARY WE HAD BEFORE.

HE'LL GET IT AS SOON AS HE'S PRESI-DENT!

YEAH, HE'LL GET IT--ONCE AND FOR ALL!

YO!!

SCHOOL SPIRIT

SLAM

MR. PRESI-DENT!

!!

YES, WE! THE COMBAT STUDENT COUNCIL!

TOOM TOOM

ST- STAY AWAY!

HAND IT OVER!

"IT"? WHAT "IT"??

"COMBAT" OR "JOCK" S.C. PRESIDENT RYUKO FUJINAMI!

THE PRESIDENTIAL STAMP, OF COURSE!

KABAK

I DON'T HAVE IT ANY MORE!

YOU WHAT?!

I GAVE IT TO HIM!

STAND BY YOUR S.C.!

YOU COWARD!

SO. I SEE.

GO AWAY!

NANAKO! ARE YOU DEFENDING *ME?!*

I'M DEFEND-ING THE *STAMP!*

MOVE OVER, NANAKO.

I *TRY* NEVER TO HIT GIRLS.

KAA BOOOM

WHAT ?!?

I'LL SAVE YOU, NANAKO!

OH, NANAKO, YOU'RE SO WARM!

SAVE IT FOR LATER !!

HSSSSS

TMP

FORE-STALLING US, ARE YOU, MS. FUJINAMI?

"SCHOLASTIC" OR "NERD S.C." PRESIDENT TSUKASA INO!

FEH!

IF YOU WANT THE PRESI-DENTIAL STAMP...

JERK

...SEARCH HIM YOUR-SELF!

OUR HIDDEN MICRO-PHONES RE-YEALED ALL!

SPLATTT

THIS LOOKS BAD!

TWO STEPS BACK

ONE STEP FORWARD

OUR ONLY CHOICE IS TO...

...SELF-DESTRUCT!

POOM

HEY!

IT'S A SMOKE SCREEN !

GET THEM !

KAFF KAFF

O.S.C. COMRADES

AUGH!

IF THEY THINK THEY--

MADAME PRESI-DENT! A SECRET PASSAGE !

KUONK

WE CAN CATCH 'EM!

IT'S NO USE.

THE WEAK RUN SWIFTLY.

SO THAT'S IT FOR NOW, EH?

I SUP-POSE IT IS.

LET'S CLEAR OUT OF HERE!

KLA KK

NO TRASH

THAT WAS CLOSE!

WITH-DRAW!

ONE OF THESE DAYS LET'S DIG A *REAL* TUNNEL!

OKAY, LISTEN CAREFULLY...

THE COMBAT S.C. IS MADE UP OF SPORTS TEAMS...

...THE SCHOLASTIC S.C. OF SCIENCE CLUBS AND THE LIKE...

WARTIME HIGH

AND YOU KNOW WHY THEY WANT THE PRESIDENTIAL STAMP, RIGHT?

OF COURSE I KNOW!

THEY WANT TO BE WITH YOU TOO!

YOU DON'T GET IT AT ALL!

IF THEY TAKE THE PRESIDENTIAL STAMP, THEY CAN WRITE THE BUDGET ANY WAY THEY WANT!

THEY WANT FUNDS FOR THEIR CLUBS!

YOU MEAN THEY PUT MONEY ABOVE LOVE?!

NO WONDER THEY'RE GOING CRAZY...

...OVER A DUMB THING LIKE...

THE PRESIDENTIAL STAMP!!

PUT IT AWAY!

CLEAR OUTTA HERE!

BEFORE THE SHOOTIN' STARTS!

WHAT... POWER!

ERRRG!

EVERY IDIOT'S SUPPOSED TO KNOW ABOUT THE DANGER OF THE STAMP!

GRUMBLE GRUMBLE GRUMBLE

I DIDN'T KNOW ANY-THING ABOUT SCHOOL POLITICS UNTIL I BECAME THE O.S.C. SECRETARY.

PERFECT! THEY'RE ALONE!

SEA-WEED

THE WIND IS WITH US!

TIME FOR A GIFT FROM THE CHEMISTRY CLUB!

WHAT ARE WE DOING? WITH JUST THE TWO OF US ALONE HERE...

WITH JUST THE TWO OF US ALONE HERE...

HEH HEH HEH!

SEA-WEED

WHAT IS HE...?

THAT'S ODD...THE TEAR GAS SHOULD BE COMING OUT!

SEA-WEED

OF COURSE! HE FEELS THE PRESENCE OF THE ENEMY!

THEY COULD STRIKE FROM ANY-WHERE...

SHE'S... SHE'S NOT PULLING IT AWAY!

I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M REALLY DOING THIS!

SQUISH

BETTER SIGNAL HIM...

WOW! SHE SQUEEZED BACK!

OH, NANAKO!

WAK!

IT'S THE KARATE TEAM!

HUP TWO THREE FOUR...

READY, MEN?!

READY!

SANADA, IS THIS WHAT YOU WERE TRYING TO TELL ME?!

HUH?

BLAST IT, WHAT'S WRONG?!

RUN!

AFTER THEM!

THEY'RE OURS!

VOOOM

VROOM

SUR-ROUND THEM!

KIAA NG

EUREKA !

GNK!

SOOSH

GET THE STAMP!

HA K!

KAF!

CHOKE

JE RK

HEY !!

A BOY'S UNIFORM! IT'S SANADA !

HAND OVER THAT STAMP!

WAIT! NO!

WHAKK THUDD SPLAT

SNIF SNIF SNIFF

KOFF

I'M IMPRESSED.

YOU HAVE INSTINCTS.

OH... THANKS.

WHAT'S SHE TALKING ABOUT?

YOU MUST KEEP PROTECTING THE STAMP LIKE THIS.

OF COURSE!

FOR YOU, NANAKO, I WOULD GLADLY DIE PROTECTING IT!

DON'T SAY THAT!

DON'T BE RECKLESS!

YOU COULD REALLY GET KILLED!

SNIFF SNIFF

NANAKO...

SHE'S CRYING... FOR *ME!*

GULP...

AUGH. I *HATE* TEAR-GAS ATTACKS!

THE STAMP IS STILL SAFE, ISN'T IT?

RIGHT HERE!

LET ME JUST MAKE ONE THING CLEAR...

YES?

I VISIT YOU EVERY FREE PERIOD BECAUSE...

JUST BECAUSE OF THE STAMP?

THAT'S ALL.

LATER!

SURE.

I'LL NEVER SPEAK TO YOU AGAIN IF YOU LET THEM TAKE IT!

EVERY-ONE IN YOUR SEATS!

CLIP CLIP CLIP

BRRRRRRRRR

HEY! A SUBSTI-TUTE!

A YOUNG SUBSTI-TUTE.

BZZZZ BZZZZ

YOUR JAPANESE TEACHER IS ON MATERNITY LEAVE.

I'LL BE TAKING OVER FOR HER.

JEEZ.

"MATER-NITY"...?

OUR TEACHER...?!

EVERYONE READ WITH ME! BEGIN!

"SHE'S THE EMPEROR'S SCRIBE'S SISTER'S MOTHER-IN-LAW'S NEPHEW'S DAUGHTER."

RUN THAT BY ME AGAIN...??

CLP CLP

SHWIP

MMPH

CHLORO... FORM...

MY, MY!

ZZZZ

FAL-LING ASLEEP IN CLASS, EH?

THIS WON'T DO AT ALL!

WAKE UP!

GROPE GROPE

GOT IT!

HEY!

FWAP

OH!

I THOUGHT I'D SEEN YOU SOME-WHERE BEFORE!

YOU'RE A JUNIOR IN THE DRAMA CLUB!

AND YOU ARE...

THIS IS REMEDIAL JAPANESE, FOOL! WE'RE ALMOST ALL ON SPORTS TEAMS!

CURSES!

AREN'T THERE ANY ARTS CLUB PEOPLE HERE?!

POT-TERY CLUB!

WE'LL BACK YOU UP!

THINK YOU CAN WIN IN A FIGHT?

WE'LL POUR SULFURIC ACID ON YOU!

BRRRRRINNNG

HUH?!

GREAT!

IT'S STILL HERE.

THE STAMP!!

RRRIP

WHAT? THIS IS FOR ME?

IT'S A FLOWER-BASE, FOR MAKING FLOWER ARRANGE-MENTS. YOU KNOW HOW TO USE IT, DON'T YOU?

P.E. IS THE MOST DANGEROUS PERIOD.

YOU'RE DOING THIS FOR ME...

SIGH

IT'S FOR THE STAMP!

LOOK SHARP!

YAWN

GUESS I'M STILL GROGGY FROM THAT CHLORO-FORM...

HUSTLE !

TMP TMP TMP

UH-OH! THE WRESTLING TEAM!

SANADA !!

I MEAN...

...THE STAMP !

SLAM DUNK

PONK

TM-TM-TM-TM-TM

HEH!

GET HIM!

WOBBLE

OH!

UGHH... STILL... DIZZY...

FJUMP

BOOM

VISHHH

WHUMP

EEP!

OH, NANAKO!

YOU'RE SO GOOD TO ME!

MY KNEE! MY KNEE! MY KNEE!

OOO! NASTY!

YOU'LL PAY FOR THAT!

SANADA!

OH, NANAKO!

BOOMP

RUN!

OKAY!

ARRRH!

YOU WERE WORRIED, WEREN'T YOU?

YEAH, ABOUT THE STAMP!

SLAM

WHAT ABOUT ME?

WHAT ABOUT YOU?!

HALT!

TWANG TWANG TWANG

THOK THOK THOK

LOOK OUT, NANAKO!!

THN

THN TH NG NG TH NG

NOW I CAN DIE HAPPY...

SIGH

OW OW OW! GET OFF ME!!

AT LEAST TAKE THAT FLOWER-BASE OFF YOUR STOMACH!

WHAP

SH PP

THOK THOK

THOK

THOK

OH, NO!

OH, YES!

WE GOT HIM!

RUN, NANAKO, RUN !!

NO, WE HAVE TO STICK TO-GETHER!

RUN

YOU LITTLE FOOL!!

"FOOL...!"

DON'T THROW YOUR LIFE AWAY--

--FOR A STUPID LITTLE STAMP !!

WHO SAID ANYTHING ABOUT A STAMP?!

SLAPP

HUH?!?

OH... NANAKO!

HEY! WHAT'RE YOU DOIN'?!

SANADA... COME SAVE ME!

B- BUT...

TM TM TM TM TM TM

HEY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

PROMISE ME YOU'LL COME SAVE ME!

I'M TAKING THE STAMP!!

NANAKO, DON'T!!

I'VE GOT THE STAAAA-AAAMP!!

STOMMP SQUISH

OOF!!

UFF!

GET 'ER!

NANAKO!

WAIT FOR ME!

I'M COMING!!

SHE'S GOT THE STAMP!

OH!

HEH!

LET'S SEE HOW SHE HANDLES THE "DRAGON ROCKET!"

BOOT

AA A!

WHA-- ?!

BOOM

KEEP STILL... UNLESS YOU WANT THIS TO BE A PINEAPPLE LUAU!

BRRR

THE NERDS!

NANAKO!

SANADA!

GIVE ME THE STAMP!

TAKE IT!

I GIVE MY FIRST AND LAST ORDER AS OFFICIAL STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT!

THE WHOLE SCHOOL...

NO!

STOP HIM!!

...IS GOING TO HAVE A MID-WINTER SWIMMING CONTEST!

SPLASH

AAAA!

WHERE IS IT ?!

PLISH PLOSH

WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU, SWIM TEAM!

IT'S BETTER THIS WAY...

YES...THAT STAMP WAS TOO DANGEROUS FOR MERE HUMANS.

DON'T CRY, NANAKO!

BUT...I WAS SO SCARED!

YOU TOOK SO LONG TO COME AND...

SIGH

HM ?

OH, SORRY! I'VE STILL GOT THAT DUMB...

WAIT A SECOND. THAT'S...

OH...

UH-OH...

SO THE ONE YOU TOOK WAS...

THE...

HEY !!

HE TRICKED US!

HE'LL REGRET IT!

WHY DOES IT ALWAYS COME BACK TO THIS?!

NANAKO! YOU'RE GOING TO RUN AWAY WITH ME?!

WE WON'T FORGET THIS, SCHEMER!

SEE HOW *YOU* LIKE BEING IN THE DRINK!

WHEN MY EYES GOT WINGS

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WHEN MY EYES GOT WINGS, I THOUGHT I COULD DO ANYTHING.

I THOUGHT...

CHRRR CHRRR

...I COULD HAVE ANYTHING I WANTED.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, YOU IDIOT?!

WAY TO GO!

RAA AAA AAH!

GET OUTTA MY WAY!!

YEAH, RIGHT!

THUD

EEK!

Y'THINK I'M GONNA MOVE JUST 'CAUSE YOU SAY SO?!

OW!

ABSOLUTELY ANYTHING... ANYTHING... I WANTED...

HA HA HAAA!

DON'T YELL LIKE THAT! YOU DIS-TRACTED ME!

HEY, I WAS CHEER-ING FOR YOU!

CH IRR
CH IRR
IRR

WHAT... ?! BUT YOU PROMISED!

SO? I SAID I'M SORRY!

WE CAN SEE THE MOVIE SOME OTHER TIME!

NOW YOU TELL ME, AFTER I WAITED ALL THIS TIME IN THIS HEAT!!

IT'S THE LAST DAY OF SUMMER PRACTICE!

YOU THINK I CAN TELL 'EM I CAN'T MAKE IT 'CAUSE OF A DATE?

YES, I DO!

OH, GET REAL!

AT LEAST NOW I KNOW WHAT KIND OF GUY YOU ARE!

IKUMI!

GOOD-BYE!

JERK!

WAIT! WAIT! I'LL CALL YOU TO-MORROW!

SO DON'T DUMP ME, OKAY?

OOH, HE MAKES ME SO *MAD!*

C'MON, WHAT'S A FEW BROKEN PROMISES?

YEAH, YOU'LL HAVE PLENTY OF TIME TO SEE HIM AT SCHOOL THIS FALL.

DON'T DEFEND HIM!

WANT TO GO GET SOME SLUSHIES?

SOUNDS GOOD TO ME.

HE PROMISED WE'D GO SEE THAT MOVIE TODAY A *WEEK* AGO!

ALL RIGHT, AL-READY.

YOU'RE JUST BRAGGING 'CAUSE YOU *HAVE* A BOY-FRIEND!

LET'S TAKE THE SHORT-CUT.

PRPHCHIRPCHI

SURE IS QUIET HERE...

PONK

EXCUSE ME... COULD YOU BRING OUR BALL BACK UP?

CHIRP CHIRP

THANK YOU!

HERE YOU GO.

WELL... BYE!

HEY, WAIT!

HERE, HAVE SOME OF THIS!

WHAT?

STAY A WHILE! PLEASE!

BUT... UM...

YOU WANT SOME JUICE INSTEAD? I COULD HAVE SOMEONE BRING SOME!

WAIT A MINUTE!

YOUR PARENTS WOULDN'T WANT YOU TO TALK TO STRANGERS, WOULD THEY?

.....

I...I DON'T HAVE ANY.

YOU MEAN...

MY MOM'S DEAD...

...AND MY DAD'S ALWAYS WORKING.

OH...

I'M LONELY...

"LONELY," HE SAID...!

HOO BOY.

TWO WHOLE HOURS!

WHY SHOULD *WE* BABY-SIT SOME STRANGE KID?!

BUT DIDN'T YOU FEEL SORRY FOR HITOMI?

HE SURE FELT *SOME-THING* FOR *YOU!*

YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE HE TALKED TO!

REALLY?

REALLY. HE TOTALLY IGNORED *US.*

THE KID'S FALLEN FOR YOU.

FLAP FLAP FLAP

YOU'RE IN FOR IT NOW!

OH, WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL?

.....

AND *YOU* PROMISED TO VISIT AGAIN TOMORROW.

I COULDN'T HELP IT--- IT JUST TURNED OUT THAT WAY.

WHAT A JERK... CALLING ME UP TO COME MEET HIM THIS LATE...

!!

HEY, THAT'S NOT FAIR!

I WANTED TO APOLOGIZE AS SOON AS POSSI-BLE!

SPARE ME.

IKUMI-CHAN!

HMPH.

SIGH

OKAY, OKAY, OKAY!

I FOR-GIVE YOU, ALREADY!

YOU'RE NOT MAD ANY MORE?

WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?

IKUMI!

OH...

WAIT, SOMEONE WILL SEE US...

THERE'S NO ONE HERE!

FLAP

T F T

The Furry Triangles

RUSTLE RUSTLE RUSTLE

KREE EEK

AAAAH!

IT-- IT'S JUST THE WIND...

B-BUT THERE WAS NO WIND...

THIS IS CREEPY! LET'S GO!

OKAY! HOP ON!

VMMM

VVROOOOOMM

CHIRRRR CHIRRRR

HELLO!

OH, IKUMI!

YOU CAME!

YOU REALLY CAME TO VISIT ME!

DIDN'T I PROMISE I WOULD?

EXCEPT A FRIEND OF MINE TAGGED ALONG...

CAN HE COME IN...?

WHAT?

WHAD-DYA MEAN, "TAGGED ALONG"?!

YOU MADE ME GIVE YOU A RIDE HERE!

YOUR BOY-FRIEND? PLEASE, COME IN!

SAY, HITOMI, DON'T YOU HAVE ANY FRIENDS?

I CAN NEVER GET OUT TO MAKE ANY FRIENDS...

...EXCEPT FOR PEEPING TOM.

PEEP--HUH?!

PEEP-ING TOM!

IT'S THE NAME OF MY BIRD!

TWEET

WEIRD NAME FOR A BIRD!

WHY'D YOU CALL 'IM THAT?

.....

YOU MUST BE LONELY IF A BIRD IS YOUR ONLY FRIEND...

CAN I COME OVER OFTEN?

D'YOU MEAN IT?!

WILL YOU REALLY DO IT?

YOU PRO-MISE?

YOU GOT IT!

I NEVER BREAK MY PROMISES!

AND WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?!

OH, I DON'T MIND THAT YOU BROKE YOUR PROMISE YESTERDAY. REALLY!

WOULD YOU COME OFF IT...?

STOP IT!

NOOGIE NOOGIE

YOU REALLY GET ALONG WELL, DON'T YOU?

....

DON'T YOU KNOW THERE'S A TIME AND PLACE FOR SOME THINGS?

THAT IKUMI...

---SHE HOLDS A GRUDGE FOR-EVER.

KRASSH

WHAT IN--?!

THUNK

MANGA VIZION

KRR AA SH

SM ASH

WHOA!

YAAAH!

AAA!

KRASH

?!

WHO'S THERE ?!

SPIRI

CHWEET

FLAP

A BIRD...

DAISUKE, WHAT WAS ALL THAT *NOISE?*

OH MY GOODNESS! HOW... HOW...

CHUWP

IKUMI, DO YOU LIKE THAT GUY?

WHAT ?

WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT ?

ANSWER ME! DO YOU *LIKE* HIM?

SISTER

I...I GUESS...

WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF HE DIED?

OH, NOTHING COULD KILL HIM!

HE'S TOO LIVELY!

HYPO-THETI-CALLY.

HM-MM...

I'D CRY!

WOULD YOU CRY FOR ME IF I DIED?

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? DON'T SAY THINGS LIKE THAT!

BUT THESE DAYS I GET A FEVER AND FEEL REALLY SICK EVERY NIGHT!

IT WOULD BE SO LONELY TO DIE ALL ALONE...

DON'T SAY THAT!

I'LL COME VISIT AS MUCH AS I CAN--SO YOU HAVE TO FEEL BETTER!

I REALLY LIKE YOU, IKUMI!

CHIRP

HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO HANG AROUND WITH THAT BRAT?

SSSHH!!!

HOW LONG...?

I WANT YOU TO STOP.

FLING

WHAT ARE YOU SAY-ING?!

OH...

I SEE!

YOU'RE JEALOUS, AREN'T YOU?!

DON'T BE STUPID!

YOU ARE JEALOUS!

FLING

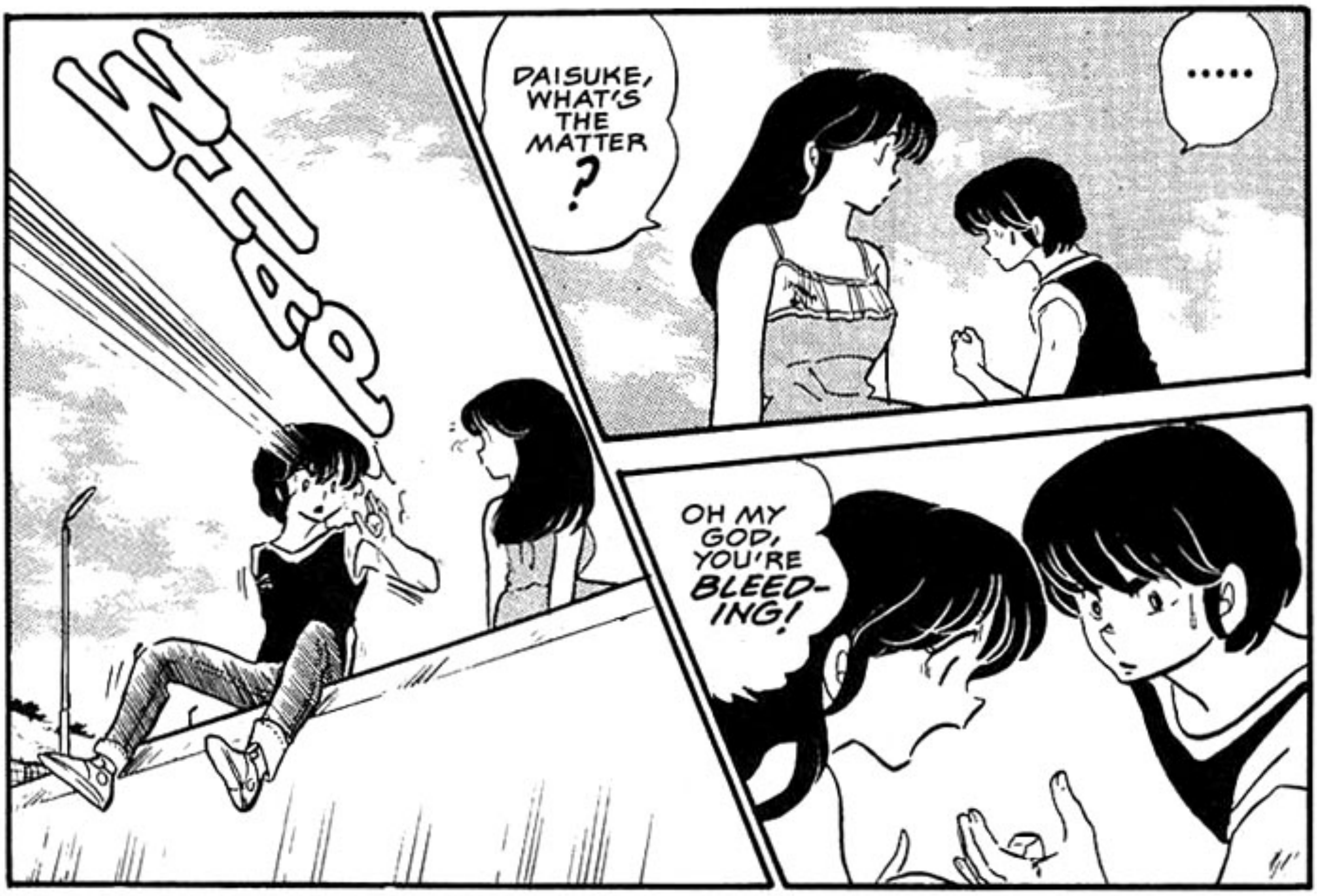
WHO'D GET JEALOUS OF A LITTLE...

OH...

FOOSH

FLAPFLAP

SQUEE CHEE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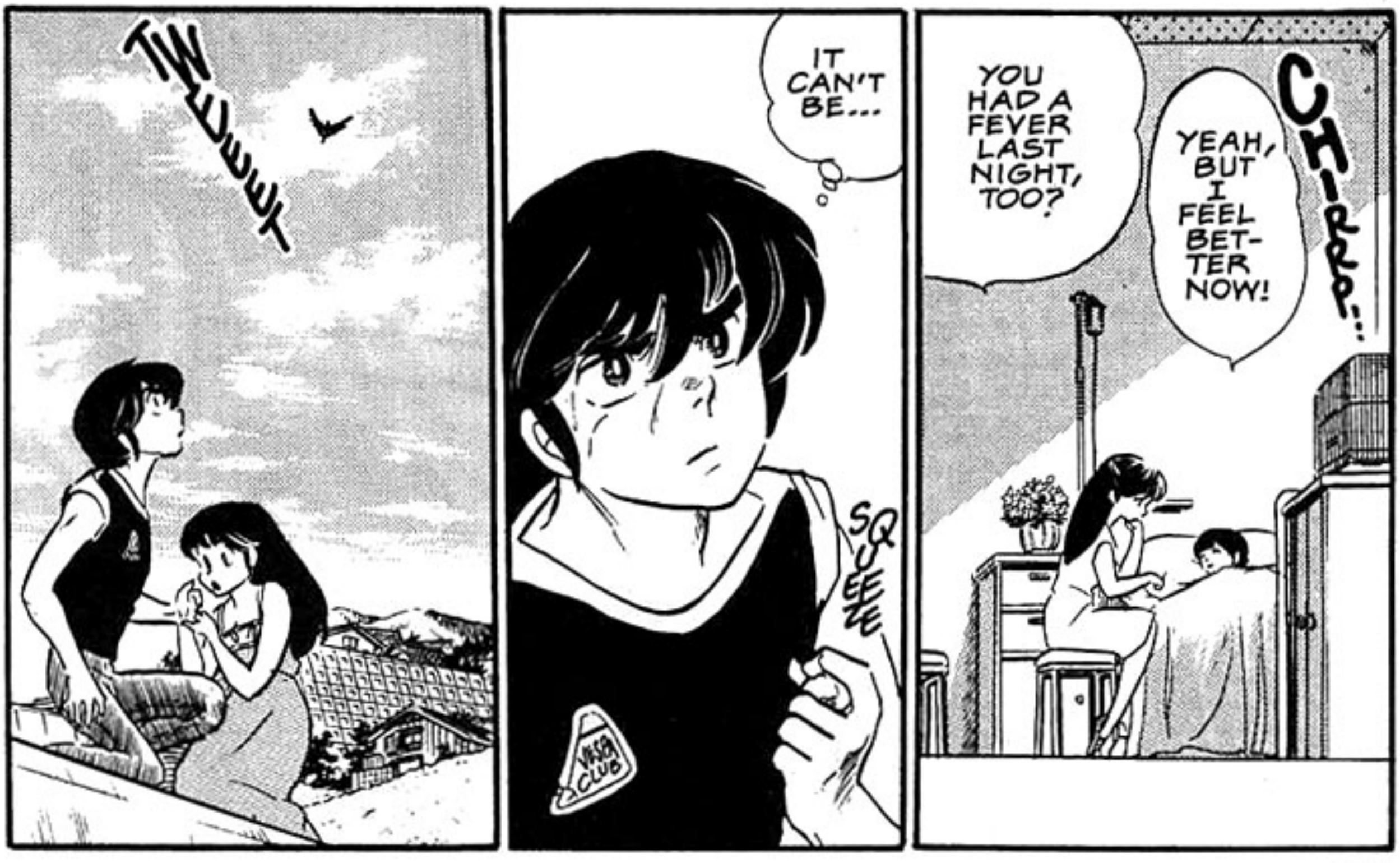
OH MY GOD, YOU'RE BLEED-ING!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IT CAN'T BE...
SQUEEE
YOU HAD A FEVER LAST NIGHT, TOO?
YEAH, BUT I FEEL BET-TER NOW!
CHIRP!!

HE LOOKS MORE EMACIATED EVERY DAY...

I FEEL BETTER WHEN I SEE YOU!

IF ONLY I COULD HAVE YOU ALL TO MYSELF...

CHIRRP

FLAP

FLAP FLAP

I'M SORRY-- ARE YOU ALL RIGHT ??

PEEP-ING TOM...

YO!

CHK

OH... DAISUKE!

WHERE'S YOUR BIRD?

FLAP FLAP FLAP

.....

I BEAT HIM BACK, DIDN'T I?

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

PEEP-ING TOM!

NOW THEN!

RUSTLE

WHAT'S THE MATTER?

SIT A LITTLE CLOSER!

NO, I'M FINE HERE!

FLING

FFWITT

WHAP

IT CAN'T BE...

...BUT IT IS! I SAW IT WITH MY OWN EYES!

SHWIP

FFWIT

.....

WHAP

JEALOUS, ARE YOU--?!

SHWIP

FFWIT

.....

WHAP

I WON'T LET IKUMI COME HERE ANYMORE!

HOW CAN YOU STOP HER?

DO YOU THINK SHE'LL BELIEVE A STORY LIKE THIS?

ROTTEN BRAT!

I WON'T GIVE HER ANY CHOICE!

I WON'T LET HER GET ANYWHERE NEAR A FREAK LIKE YOU! REMEM-BER THAT...

!!

SLAM

WHAT DO YOU MEAN... "DON'T GO TO THE HOSPITAL" ?!

JUST DON'T HANG OUT WITH THAT BRAT ANY-MORE !

STOP CALL-ING HIM THAT!

HIS NAME IS HITOMI, AND YOU KNOW IT!

TWEET

LOOK, IT'S PEEPING TOM!

WHAT ?!?

IT LOOKS LIKE HIM...

BUT IT CAN'T BE! PEEPING TOM IS IN A CAGE!

WATCH !

SHWIP

FLAP

CHIRP

.....

CLATTER

HITOMI IS DOING THIS!

CRUMBLE

THUNK

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT ?!

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WHAP

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OUCH!

IT... IT'S BLEED- ING...

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WH- WHY... ??

FF WI TT

HE'S GETTIN' MAD !

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THIS IS SERIOUS !

HOW... HOW COULD THIS...

WHOOOSH

WHOOOSH

RUN!!

WHOOOSH

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OH...

THUNK

WATCH OUT! GET BACK!

BAM

.....

CLATTER

CLATTER

WAAA

THAT... LITTLE...

WHAP

WHAP

I'LL...

I'LL...

I'LL KILL HIM!!

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DAISUKE, WHERE ARE YOU GOING--?!

TO THE HOSPI-TAL, OF COURSE!

I'M GOING TOO!

YOU STAY HERE!

SUMMER KUMQUATS ARE GOOD KUMQUATS...

I'M BORROW-ING THIS!

HUH?!

HONDA

VMMM

VROOM

H-HEY!!

FLAP FLAP

THERE'S THE BIRD!

NO BIRD CAN GO FASTER THAN A BIKE!

VR RR

OOO M

HONDA

HONDA

ONDA

KKK

ZUSAA

HONDA

SSSS

SHREEEE

FWFF

SLAM

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

THAT TWIT! PLAYING *FAVORITES*, IS HE?!

CHWEEE

HE'S HEADING FOR THE HOSPI-TAL!

I CAN SEE THAT!!

TWEEE

BOOFF

I'LL GET HIM...

...THAT LITTLE *BRAT*!!

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WHOOO

IKUMI...

YOU... YOU CAME FOR ME...

HITOMI...

THAT'S... DANGER-OUS...

COME BACK HERE...

I'M NOT GOING BACK THERE ANY-MORE...

AREN'T I... LIKE A BIRD...?

TWEET TWEET

COME WITH ME, IKUMI!

WHA--?!

FWIT

GLOMP

KUMI!

IKUMI...

STOP IT!!

WHEN MY EYES GOT WINGS...

YOU'LL COME WITH ME, WON'T YOU...?

I THOUGHT...

...I COULD HAVE ANYTHING I WANTED...

WHEN MY EYES GOT WINGS...

WHAT DID YOU WANT...?!

TWEEEEEEE

HITOMI!

WHAT DID YOU WANT, HITOMI...?

SLEEP AND FORGET

MAY!

MAY! WHERE ARE YOU?!

CITY K, PREFECTURE N...

DON'T DO THIS TO ME!

YOU'LL GET LOST!

YAP YAP

MAY!!

...WHERE THE TRADITION OF THE "DOG MASTER" HAS BEEN KEPT SINCE THE OLD DAYS.

YAP

HNN HNN

MAY...

IS THAT YOUR OWNER?

YIP

THEN GO TO HER.

YAP

UMM... THANKS.

WSH WSH

HEY, AREN'T YOU RYOHEI...?

HOME-ROOM SIX...?

I HEARD YOU LIKE DOGS AND THAT YOU LIVE NEAR MY PLACE...

...SO I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT BE...

YOU ARE RYOHEI--- AREN'T YOU?

I'M HARUKA KAMISHIRO!

I TRANS-FERRED TO YOUR CLASS LAST WEEK!

NICE TO MEET YOU!

.....
.....

KARNA! TENDO! LET'S GO!

BFF

BOW

IS HE BLOWING ME OFF...?

THERE'S A FORK IN THE ROAD AHEAD...

DON'T TAKE THE LEFT FORK!

HUH? WHY?

THERE'S A DOG BURIAL MOUND THERE.

IT'S...

...NOT GOOD FOR DOGS.

NOT GOOD FOR DOGS?

WHAT'S THAT MEAN...??

WELL, ANY-WAY...

...HE'S JUST LIKE THEY SAID...

IS THE PERSON WHO SITS HERE SICK? HE'S NEVER HERE...

OH, HIM...

YEAH, HE'S SICK ALL RIGHT...

HE'S *RYOHEI FUSE*, AND HE'S SICK IN THE HEAD!

HE SKIPS CLASS TO TAKE CARE OF HIS DOGS!

AND WHEN HE DOES COME, HE JUST SITS THERE ALL SULLEN. IT'S SCARY!

SCHOOL TIMES

"RUDE" IS MORE LIKE IT...

WHO DOES HE THINK HE IS?

HAF HAF

YIP?

YAP YAP YAP

MAY! NO!

NOT AGAIN!

COME HERE, MAY! I SAID, COME!!

YAP YAP YAP

DON'T TAKE THE LEFT FORK!

OH, JEEZ...

MAY, YOU DUMMY! HE SAID IT WASN'T GOOD FOR DOGS!

SHUK SHUK SHUK

EEEE

MAY !!

WHAT HAP-PENED ?!

ARE YOU ALL...

WFF WFF WFF WFF

WU FF WU FF WU FF

DAMN.

HH HHH

TENDO, KARNA-- STAY HERE!

SH K

SH K

SHK SHK

SHK SH K

SHK

EASY... EASY...

HNNN

IT'S ALL RIGHT...

SHK SHK

.....
.....

DAMN.

SH SH SH...

COLD...

SNOW ?

THAT'S RIGHT... WE... WE MOVED... UP NORTH...

BUT WHERE AM I ?

AND WHO... WHO IS SHE...?

OWF OWF

THE DOGS ARE REST-LESS.

OW WFF

OW WF

FEED THEM.

THIS IS...A CAVE...

OW F OWF

IS THAT MY HAND?

FW PF!

OWF OWF

WHAT AM I DOING...?

I'M GIVING FOOD... TO THE DOGS...

OH... WATER!

OWF OWF

I HAVE TO GIVE THEM WATER TOO!

BUT...

THAT'S NOT MY FACE...!

OW WF OWF

OWF OWF

MAY...
??

OH!

OW WFF OW FF OW FF

CREAK!

OWF OWF

OW WFF

OH !!

OWF

OW WFF

WHAT IS THIS PLACE?

THE SAME DREAM??

OW WF OWFF OWWF

NO... NO DREAM...

ZZZZ ZZZZ

MAY!

WHAT'S WRONG WITH HER?!

SHE'S IN LABOR.

LABOR?!? THAT CAN'T BE...!

SHE IS PREGNANT, BUT SHE'S NOT DUE FOR A LONG...

RRRPP

RRR RIP

HSS SS!

OH, GOD!!

ARR AR AR AR

RR

SHLUP

HH SS SS!!

GASP!

SHLUP

RRR RRR RRR RRR RR

SHLP

HS SSSS

EEEYYIIPE!

RRR RRR

SHLP SHLP

RRR

ARRRRR

NO. STAY.

IT'S DANGER-OUS...

SHLP UP

SNF SNF

GRR

HNN HNN

WHAT... WHAT...

...WAS THAT ??

DON'T LOOK.

MAY !

DON'T LOOK !!

I'M SORRY.

THE UN-BORN PUPS, TOO...

SHE'S... DEAD?

HNN HNN HNN

SNF SNF

THAT BURIAL MOUND... SOMETHING GOT MAY THERE...

AND IT... IT...

...GOT ME, TOO.

1:07 AM

JUST BEFORE I PASSED OUT...

SOME-THING CAME AT ME...

BUT WHAT... WHAT...?

OH...

THIS FACE... THE DREAM AGAIN...

WAKANAE!

WHO...?? IS THAT MY NAME?

WHO'S THIS...?

MY HEART'S BEATING FASTER...

I FEEL QUEASY...

OH GOD, HE'S COMING CLOSER!

COME LIVE WITH ME IN THE VILLAGE, WAKA-NAE.

HE... HE REMINDS ME...

KUGURA AND SHIGURA...

THEY BOTH LIKE YOU TOO.

...REMINDS ME OF... WHO?

BOOF!

I WON'T GO DOWN THE MOUNTAIN! SHE *DID* RAISE ME, EVEN IF SHE IS AS SHE IS!

EVEN IF SHE IS A MURDERER AND A THIEF...?!

HE MEANS THAT OLD WOMAN...

I CANNOT BETRAY HER!

HARUKA!

BETRAY... BETRAY... I *HATE* THAT WORD!

HARUKA!

WAKE UP!

YOU'LL BE LATE FOR SCHOOL!

SHOOP

OH... MOM, I HAD THE WEIRDEST DREAM!

HURRY UP!

IT'LL TAKE FOREVER TO GET THERE IN THIS SNOW.

I WISH POOR MAY WOULD COME BACK...

SHE MUST BE ALMOST DUE...

I COULDN'T TELL MY FAMILY... WHAT REALLY HAPPENED...

THE DOG MOUND? YOU'RE INTERESTED IN THAT SORT OF THING?

WELL... YOU KNOW...

THE ADULTS SAY THAT ALL THE DOGS THAT GO NEAR IT GO CRAZY.

CRAZY?

IT'S NOT JUST THE DOGS, EITHER!

WHEN RYOHEI WAS A KID HE WAS FOUND THERE KNOCKED OUT. IT'S AFTER THAT THAT HE WENT CRAZY!

RYOHEI?!

SHKK

AS I THOUGHT...

I DON'T FEEL ANYTHING...

THERE'S NOTHING HERE NOW...

I WILL KILL YOU!

NO MATTER HOW LONG IT TAKES!

I DON'T HEAR THAT VOICE ANYMORE...

THAT WAS IT!

IT'S COME OUT!

BFF BFF

TO KILL ME...

BUT WHY?

WHO...?!

SNF SNFF

RYOHEI!

HUFF

I HAVE TO TALK TO YOU. CAN I COME IN?

YOU CAN TALK FROM THERE!

I HEARD YOU PASSED OUT AT THE DOG MOUND WHEN YOU WERE LITTLE.

DO YOU REMEMBER IF...

...SOMETHING... CAME AT YOU?

A SORT OF... CLOUD?

A CLOUD... ??

NO, IT WASN'T LIKE THAT...

IT WAS ALIVE!

YOU HAVE COME AT LAST!

AFTER WAITING SO LONG... SO LONG...

I WILL KILL YOU!

NO MATTER HOW LONG IT TAKES!

AND THEN...

RYOHEI, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!

HE'S BURNING UP...

I HAVE TO GET READY...

DOGS... GATHER DOGS...

HUMANS ARE NO GOOD! THEY'LL BETRAY YOU!

GET OUT!

WHAT...

ISN'T IT ENOUGH THAT MAY DIED?!

GET OUT!!

COME LIVE WITH ME IN THE VILLAGE, WAKANAE.

HE'S LIKE...

...THE GUY IN MY DREAM.

NOT HIS FACE, BUT...

...BUT THE FEELING SOME-HOW...

TWEEEEEEEEEET

A WHISTLE...

THE DREAM AGAIN!

OOF OOF

MANA-SHIRO!

THAT'S IT! GOOD BOY!

HAFF HAFF

PITI-FUL...

WAKANAE... IS MANASHIRO THE ONLY DOG YOU CAN CONTROL?

WHAT GOOD ARE YOU?

IT WOULDN'T EVEN TAKE A DOG MASTER TO HANDLE ONE DOG!

"DOG MASTER"...?

THIS... IS NO ORDINARY DREAM...

THE "ME" IN THE DREAM... THAT'S...

...WHAT CAME OUT OF THE MOUND...

IT'S... INSIDE ME...??

SO THERE WAS SOME-THING ELSE...

...BESIDES THAT MALICIOUS PRESENCE...

AND IT ENTERED...

...THAT GIRL.

A GIRL...

BE-TRAYAL...

SNF SNF

HNN HNN

I DON'T UNDER-STAND...

ENCYCLO-PEDIA OF FOLKLORE... NORTHERN REGIONS...

PREFEC-TURE N... COUNTY K...

HERE IT IS!

THE ORIGIN OF THE DOG MOUND!

Then an old woman and a girl moved into the region. As dog masters, they could make their dogs obey their every command at will.

"DOG MAS-TERS"...

AN OLD WOMAN AND A GIRL...?

With their dog packs, the two plundered travelers and slaughtered villagers.

The village dog master challenged them...

THE MAN HAD DOGS...

He killed the women, but died of injuries himself.

The villagers buried him and, wary of a curse, sealed the old woman and the girl inside the dog mound.

SWEEP

IT'S A LITTLE DIF-FERENT FROM THE DREAM...

CRR

NCH

THE MAN AND THE GIRL WERE...

HHHUFFF...

RRRRR

S-S-SOME-BODY...

I...I CAN'T MOVE...

KARRRH

AAAA!

MA FF

HU FF

HHRR

RRARR HH

HELP !!

WMM MP

SHHK

RRRRRRRRRR

RYOHEI'S DOGS...

SHHHK

RAOHE!...

RRRR...

W-WAIT...

SHKK SHK

SHK SHK

WAIT!

DON'T LEAVE ME!

TENDO! KARNA!

STAY WITH HER!

BFF BUFF

DON'T LEAVE ME...

ARK ARK

SSHHHHH

THAT'S IT!

THE MONSTER THAT CAME OUT OF MAY!

THAT STRANGE FEELING AGAIN...

SO YOU REMEMBER!

SHHFF

REMEM-BER... WHAT?

IF YOU DON'T...

...YOU CAN NEVER USE YOUR POWERS!

POWERS?!

WHAT POWERS?!?

HRRR...

I SHOULD FINISH YOU HERE...

NO...

.....
?

STAY...

PLEASE.

HNN HNN

BOWFF

OWF OWF

BO OF

HAH HAH

WHAT'S WRONG ?

YOU DIDN'T HURT YOUR LE--

SPLOCH

WHAT THE--

HOW COULD YOU LEAVE ME ALONE LIKE THAT!?

PAP

I WAS SO SCARED, I...

WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR CHEEK... ?

IT'LL GO AWAY.

DID THAT DOG... ?

NO. IT JUST... APPEARS WHEN I GET EXCITED.

CAN I---

---SEE IT?

WHY ARE YOU CRY-ING?

I DON'T KNOW... I FEEL SO SAD...

THE OTHER ME...

...IN-SIDE... ME...

FORGIVE ME...

YOU THOUGHT...

I BE-TRAYED...

WHO...

...BE-TRAYED...?

WHAT HAP-PENED...?

WHAT DID I SAY...?

FOR-GIVE ME...

FOR-GIVE ME...

WAKANAE... IS THAT YOU?

FORGIVE WHAT?

SO WARM...

WHERE...?

SHKK

SHKK

RYOHEI'S BACK...

SO WARM... SO...

SHKK

PUT ME DOWN...

SHE'LL SEE US...

A LITTLE FURTHER... A LITTLE MORE...

SHKK

YOUR BACK IS SO WARM.

SO ARE YOU.

YOU KEEP ME WARM.

SHKK

THIS FEEL-ING...

I FELT IT BEFORE... A LONG TIME AGO...

SHKK

CARRYING A GIRL LIKE THIS...

I CAN ALMOST SEE IT...

BUT I DON'T *WANT* TO... THEN SOME-THING AWFUL...

DO YOU LOVE HIM...?

YES... VERY MUCH...

SH

K

YOU ASKED FOR FORGIVENESS! FOR BETRAYING HIM!

NO!

THEN TELL ME...

OWFF OWFF OWFF OHHH!

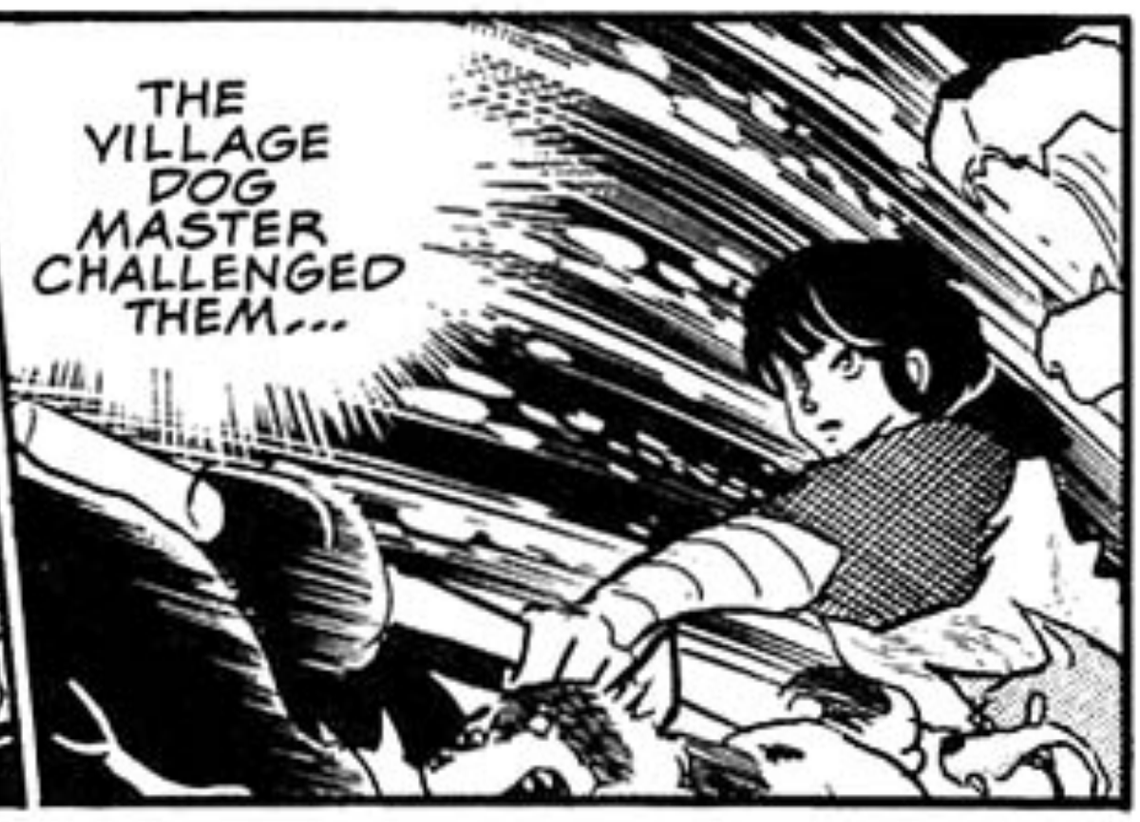
OWFF OWFF OWFF

THE DOGS...

MY MANA-SHIRO...

THE DREAM...
...AND THE LEGEND...

THE OLD WOMAN AND THE GIRL...


THE VILLAGE DOG MASTER CHALLENGED THEM...

THE GIRL... SHE'S NOT HERE!
WAKANAE! WHERE ARE YOU...?!
GOOD JOB, WAKA-NAE!
WHAT?

RRAA RRH

MANABU!

GRRR

WAKA-NAE!!

WHY...??

THAT WOUND!

RYOHEI'S SCAR...

KUGU-RAAA!!

HRR

SHIGU-RAAA!!

NO! I DIDN'T BETRAY HIM!

WHY, WAKANAE? IF YOU LOVED HIM--- WHY?!

OWFF OWFF

OW WF

BZZZ

HYUU

RAGE

I WANTED... TO GO DOWN THE MOUNTAIN WITH HIM...

THAT'S WHY I STOOD... BEHIND HIM...

THERE WAS NO WAY I COULD FIGHT HER!

I TRIED TO STOP MANA-SHIRO...

BUT I WASN'T STRONG ENOUGH...

I COULDN'T SAVE HIM...

HH RR R R

HNN HNN HN

ARRK ARK

THE DOGS ARE REST-LESS...

IT'S... HERE!

NO... DON'T LET HIM GO!

HE HASN'T AWOKEN YET!

IT CAN'T HAPPEN NOW!

ARRRRR

RRRR

AHR

NO!

HA RR

KARNA!

TENDO!

ARRRH!

HHR!

RAR RR

YOU'RE BEING CON-TROLLED !!

AARRR

THAT DOG...

CON-TROL-LING...

MY DOGS !!

THOSE EYES !

I... REMEM-BER...

GIRAAS

!!ARG

THOSE EYES !

GRRRR

WHIP PP

WHAM PP

KARNA!

TENDO!

HYI PE?

GRRR

GRRR

FM PP

FM PP

YOU HAG !

HAVEN'T YOU HAD ENOUGH !?!

HAVEN'T YOU KILLED ME ONCE ALREADY ?!?

WHY HAVE YOU COME FOR ME AGAIN ?!?

AAAH !!

HHHH!

HIS

WAKA-NAE! AGAIN...?!?

SSSSS...

WHMP

I DIDN'T BETRAY YOU!

THEN... OR NOW!

SHIT

OWF OWF

HAHAHA

SHE DIDN'T... BETRAY ME ?!

SHKK

SHHKK

SHE DIDN'T BETRAY ME ?!

ARH

IPE IPE IPE

BOW BOW BOW

I'LL KILL YOU HOWEVER MANY TIMES IT TAKES !

ARK ARK

SHFF

HU IP E

GR AA

TN G TN G

YOUR DOGS KILLED ME!

HHHFF FF

AND SO I WILL KILL YOU!

RRRHHR

OWOWOW

ARK ARK

HR RRNN

UNH...

YOU... AND THE GIRL !!

WHUD

KRRAAKK

WHY THE GIRL?!

OW OW OW

SHE

F F F

RFF RFF

WAKA-NAE...

KUGURA...

SHI... GU... RA...

SHE USED YOUR DOGS!

WAKA-NAE...

BOTH OF YOU!

I'LL KILL YOU BOTH!

ARRHH

SHHH

OKK

NNNN
ARK
HRR
AR-AR
ARK
HRR
ARK
HRRA
HHHRRRR
HHHRRRR

HSSS

SHUP

.....
.....

IT'S OVER...

I WAS RE-TURNED TO THIS WORLD...

...FOR THIS.

WAKA-NAE...

AND NOW...

WAKA-NAE, WAIT!

ARE YOU GOING TO LEAVE ME...?!

DON'T YOU WANT TO STAY WITH HIM...?!

CAN I...?

CAN I REST IN-SIDE YOU?

I'LL SLEEP NOW.

YOU SHOULD SLEEP TOO... AND FORGET.

WAKA-NAE...

RYOHEI...

SAY...

WHAT WAS YOUR NAME AGAIN?

WHAT...?

T F T

The Furry Triangles

HARUKA.

YOU MEAN YOU FORGOT ?!

CLIMB ON... HARUKA!

BUT YOUR ARM...

IT'S ALL RIGHT!

ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE OKAY?

YEAH...

...IT'S WARMER THIS WAY.

THE FACE PACK

I AM...

WZZZZ

DING-DONG!

...NOT ULTRA-MAN!

RRIP

NOR PON-POKO!

RRIPP

WOWF!

EEP!

DON'T STARE!

MOM!

DON'T WORRY...

VZZZZZ

I'M NO WERE-WOLF, EITHER!

I AM SOSHIRO OMOTE, THE PRESIDENT OF...

RRIP

...THE FACE PACK!

NO ONE HAS EVER...

TWINKLE RRIP

...AND NO ONE EVER WILL!

...SEEN THROUGH EVEN ONE...

...OF MY PERFECT DISGUISES...

ZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZ

HEY, SOSHIRO! YOUR FLY'S OPEN!

JUST KID-DING!

KRASH BLANG WRR WRR WRR

THERE'S NOTHING TO "SEE THROUGH," YOU DOPE!

WHO ELSE WOULD BE RIDING AROUND LIKE DRACULA ON A BIKE?!

VZNNNNN...

EVERYONE PRETENDS NOT TO KNOW YOU BECAUSE THEY DON'T WANT TO ASSOCIATE WITH YOU!

GET IT?!

YEAH, MEIKO, I GET IT...

THEN THAT MEANS...

...YOU DO WANT TO ASSOCIATE WITH ME, EH?!

EEH!

HEH HEH C'MERE LI'L GIRL!

DON'T BE DISGUSTING!

I'M EXPOSED!

RR RIP P

STOP IT!

YEZ, MA'AM, HA HA HAAAH!

RR IP

I'LL NEVER WEAR ANOTHER DISGUISE, MA'AM, UH-UH, NO WAY!

RR IP PP

I... SAID...

STOP IT!!

BLAAA

CLAP CLAP

CLAP CLAP

FLAW-LESS!

AND THEY SAID A GIRL COULD NEVER CUT IT IN THE FACE PACK!

YOU MADE ME DO IT!

YOU THINK I *WANT* PEOPLE TO ASSOCIATE ME WITH YOU?!

SOSHIRO, HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN THE PACK'S *OATH*?

KUNK

KUNK

NO RANDOM DISGUISES IN PUBLIC!

LOOK WHO'S TALK-ING!

EXCUSE ME...

PERHAPS YOU'VE FORGOTTEN THAT WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF CLASS?

N-N-NO SIR!!

RRRR

TAP TAP TAP

TAP TAP

FIRE

FIRE

FIRE

FIRE

SKWEE SKWEE SKWEE SKWEE AWP

SOSHIRO! COME TO MY OFFICE!

TAP TAP TAP...

HE SAW THROUGH OUR DISGUISES IN A GLANCE!

A CLAIR-VOYANT PRINCI-PAL!

AND THOSE FOUR IDENTICAL FACES WERE SO PER-FECT...

HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO CONTINUE THIS NONSENSE?

WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN CLUB ACTIVITIES!

I UNDERSTAND YOU'RE TAKING *MONEY* TO SUBSTITUTE FOR OTHER STUDENTS IN DETENTION!

WELL, DISGUISE SUPPLIES DON'T COME CHEAP...

WHAM

I WILL *NOT* ALLOW *DECEPTION!*

HAVE *YOU* EVER CONSIDERED MY POSITION IN THIS SCHOOL... *?!*

I'M FLATTERED... BUT DO YOU THINK I'M QUALIFIED?

HOW CAN A MORON LIKE *YOU*...

...BE RELATED TO *ME?!*

ARE YOU MY SON?

YOU... ARE *MY* SON!

IT CAN'T BE!

AND YET...

...THERE *IS* A RESEMBLANCE!

HA HA HA!

SOSHIRO !!

UM... SIR?

PEH!

OLD FUDDY-DUDDY!

RRIP

HEY, SOSHIRO !

I'VE BEEN LOOK-ING FOR YOU!

LISTEN, I GOT ROPED INTO A DATE WITH THE NEW GIRL.

IF YOU COULD TAKE CARE OF IT FOR ME...

YOU KNOW THE PRICE.

JUST LEAVE IT TO ME!

HI. DID YOU WAIT LONG ?

N-N-NO.

MAN, SHE'S REALLY CUTE !

WELL, SINCE IT'S NOT "ME"...

I MAY AS WELL...

.....

.....

GULP...

AH, THE AWKWARDNESS OF YOUTH.

IS... IS SOME-THING WRONG?

YOU DON'T LOOK QUITE YOURSELF TODAY!

I... D-D-D-D-D...

UM... IT'S...

...IT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE SO BEAUTIFUL!

OH...!

KONK

MY PASSION OVER-WHELMS ME...!

OH...

WAIT!

YOU HAVE A STRING ON YOUR FACE...

POING

GOB

FLAP FLAP FLAP

WHOOOOOO...

FLAP FLAP

M-MY GOD!

I NEVER KNEW YOU LOOKED SO...

DULL!

SO PLAIN! SO VACANT! SO STUPID!!

JAB JAB

BELAAAAO

M-M-MEIKO...?!

YOU IDIOT!!

RRRR

FAUE PACHINKO

CLUBS

TODAY'S PROFIT... FIFTY-THREE HUNDRED YEN!

'CEPT THE PRICE OF MAKE-UP HAS GONE UP...

NOT TOO BAD!

CHKK

≠WHEW!≠ THAT WAS ROUGH!

HOW DID YOU MAKE OUT? --I MEAN, DO?

THE WAGES OF SIN!

CLINK

RRi PRi

HEY!!

WH-WHA-A-A-A-A-T?

FIRST F.C. PRESIDENT

NO PUBLIC DISPLAYS

NO BREAKING THE LAW

NO PERSONAL PROFIT

TH-THIS MES-SAGE!!

GASP!

FIRST F.C. PRESIDENT

I CAN'T READ HIS FACE...!

FIRST F.C. PRESIDENT

I WAS JUST TRYING TO RELIEVE THE TENSION.

TRY RELIEVING THE STU-PIDITY!!

FIRST F.C. PRESIDENT

"NO PUBLIC DISPLAYS."

"NO PERSONAL PROFIT."

"NO BREAKING THE LAW."

THE THREE ARTICLES OF OUR CLUB CONSTITU-TION...

...BUT DO WE EVER FOLLOW THEM?

IF THE CLUB'S FIRST PRESI-DENT REALLY WROTE THIS...

FIRST F.C. PRESIDENT

...IT MUST BE A WARN-ING.

THE NATIONAL PRESI-DENT, HUH...?

FWAP

FACE PACK PAGEANT OF PRESIDENTS

OUR FIRST PRESIDENT

WHAT A GEEK! POSIN' IN DIS-GUISE!

NO BREAKING THE LAW NO PERSONAL PROFIT

THIS DOESN'T HELP US AT ALL!

HMM...

FACE PACK

IT'S CLEAR THAT WE'RE DEALING WITH SOMEONE VERY ODD...

YES ODD

VERY ODD

WELL, WE CAN'T LET OURSELVES BE INTIMIDATED BY SOME HAS-BEEN WEIRDO WE'VE NEVER EVEN SEEN!

ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THAT...?

BOPP

THIS GUY MUST BE PRETTY GOOD.

YOU DIDN'T EVEN NOTICE THAT FACE THING BEING DONE TO YOU?

WELL, I WAS WRESTLING, GOT TAKEN DOWN...

...I CAN'T THINK WHEN ELSE...

YOU MUST BE DENSER THAN I THOUGHT.

THE GUY MUST BE A MAS-TER!

YEAH, LIKE YOU'RE A MASTER... OF DENSITY!

I AM NOT DENSE!!

THEN WHY ARE YOU TEARING OFF YOUR REAL FACE?

DON'T CHANGE THE SUBJECT!!

I SAY WE DO BUSINESS AS USUAL!

CAN YOU TAKE MY DETENTION?

AH, THAT'S A SNAP!

IT'S PROBABLY JUST A BLUFF!

ACHOO

EEEK! HIS NOSE FELL OFF!

SO...

THEY IGNORED MY WARNING, EH?

THEN THEY WILL HAVE TO LEARN...

...AND THE LEARNING WON'T BE EASY.

FLAP FLAP

SO ALL I HAVE TO DO IS SHOW UP?

PRETTY MUCH.

THANKS A LOT!

FUNNY... NEVER SEEN HIM AROUND...

.....

.....

WOOOOOOOO...

GULP...

DOOOM

THAT'S THE GUY!!

HE DREW ON MY FACE AND RAN!

DOLT

KRAK KRAK

MEBBE I DRAW ON HIS FACE!

STAGGER

UHH HH...

RR IP

I REALLY SHOULD'VE ASKED FOR MORE MONEY...

HUH ?

CLUBS

SOSHIRO! YOU TOO...?!

HWOOOOOOOO

THE MORE I THINK ABOUT THIS...

YEAH !

NOW THAT YOU MEN-TION IT...

...I COULD SURE GO FOR SOME RAMEN TOO!

KLUNK

FLOMP

NOT RAMEN !!

IT WAS THE FIRST PRESI-DENT'S TRAP !

BOOO BA NG

!?

HEY, WHERE'S MEIKO ?!

SAY, COME TO THINK OF IT...

OOF!

NOT HER, TOO... !

WHAAK

SLAM

MEIKO !!

SORRY I'M LATE.

WHAT'S UP?

BACK

MUSH

VERY FUNNY.

BELAAAA

VOOOM

YOU MEAN IT...?

GI-GI-GI

VVVVVV

YOU WERE WORRIED ABOUT ME...?

.....
.....

VVVVVVVV

SOSHIRO...

DO... DO YOU...

VVVZZZZZZZZZZZZ

MY GOODNESS! WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?

OUCH! DON'T TOUCH!

THERE ISN'T AN *UN-* SORE PLACE ON MY BODY!

I HOPE YOU'RE NOT IN-VOLVED IN ANYTHING DANGER-OUS.

I'M FINE!

I WILL NOT BE INTIMI-DATED!

WANNA COME OVER TO MY PLACE THIS SUNDAY?

WHAT ?

I WANT TO TALK TO YOU IN PRIVATE!

TH- THIS IS SO SUDDEN...

SUDDENLY, SUNDAY...

I HAVE ALWAYS LOVED YOU...

NO, IT CAN'T BE !

OH, SORRY, MISS!

I'M THE PAINTER!

.....

BL BO

Omote

HURRY! HURRY!!

YOU'VE GOTTA WASH YOUR CLOTHES!

YOU'VE GOTTA TAKE A BATH!

VROOM

W-W-WAIT A MINUTE...

SLAM

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE...?

WELL, I CAN'T GO HOME LIKE THIS, SO...

OH WELL!

TUP TUP TUP

CHK

ZZZ...

BLOOSH

YOW!

WH-WHAT WAS THAT--?!?

TUP TUP TUP

YUCK!

THIS WATER'S MUDDY!

STOMP STOMP

EEE EE!!

CHK

M-- MEIKO ?

HUH?

OOOOO

BONG

SLAM

SO THAT'S WHAT YOU PLANNED !

YOU... YOU SCUM !!

HUH? WHAT ?

I DON'T KNOW WHAT Y--

BAM M

Felix 4

I'D I O T!

YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO RESORT TO THIS!

MEIKO !!

Felix 4

SLAM

TUP TUP

HMM!

INTERNE-CINE CON-FLICT.

WH-WHO ARE YOU?!

HEH HEH HEH...

FWISH

HA HA HA HA HA

Y-Y-YOU'RE... YOU'RE...

WHO ARE YOU?!

THE FIRST PRESI-DENT, YOU IMBE-CILE!!

I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE...

...BUT YOU'VE GONE TOO FAR!!

MARON!

HE WHO ABUSES DIS-GUISE...

...SHALL BE RUINED BY DIS-GUISES!

A SMOKE SCREEN!

KOFF

POOOOF

KOFF KOFF

POOF POOF

HA HA HA HA

POOF

WHA--?!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, DEAR?

PROVING YOU STILL FIT INTO YOUR OLD HIGH SCHOOL COS-TUME?

SCRABBLE

POOF POOF

DAD! IS THAT YOU ?!

I AM THE F-F- FIRST...

HONEY, WOULD YOU LIKE SOME TEA?

I'D LOVE SOME.

RRIP

THE PURPOSE OF DISGUISE IS CONCEAL-MENT!

THE WEAKLING WHO USES IT FOR PUBLICITY OR PROFIT...

...WILL SOON USE IT TO HIDE FROM REALITY !

NO PUBLIC DISPLAYS! NO PERSONAL PROFIT! NO BREAKING THE LAW!

THESE ARE THE TENETS ON WHICH YOUR STRENGTH DEPENDS !

DO YOU UNDER-STAND, SOSHIRO ?

WOULD YOU TAKE OFF THAT STUPID COS-TUME?!

MORN-ING!

HEY THERE !

SOSHIRO, YOU IDIOT...

YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO RESORT TO THAT...

IF YOU HAD JUST TREATED ME NICELY...

MEIKO !

.....
.....

CUT IT OUT!

I'M MAD AT YOU!

I'M SORRY, MEIKO...

REALLY.

RIP

WHAT MAKES ME SO MAD...

...IS THE WAY YOU DID IT!

IT WASN'T ME!

IT WAS THE FIRST PRESI-DENT'S TRICK!

URK

oD

YOU MEAN... HE...?

!!

HUH?

DID YOU SEE ANY-THING?

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J-JUST A LITTLE...

I-I-I MEAN, NOTH-ING...

I MEAN, IT HAP-PENED SO FAST...

SO IT WAS YOU WHO SAW ME!

W-W-WELL, YEAH, BUT...

WHEW!

...IT'S NOT LIKE I WANTED TO SEE ANYTHING!

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I SEE.

WELL THEN...

...EX-CUUUSE ME!!

I'M SORRY TO HAVE EXPOSED YOU TO SOMETHING SO REVOLTING!

WHAT ARE YOU TALK-ING ABOUT ?!?

I QUIT!! I HATE YOU!!

NO, WAIT A MINUTE!

WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU-- ?!

LET ME GO!

WHAT AM I SUP-POSED TO SAY ?!?

DON'T YOU GET IT?!

DO I HAVE TO SPELL IT OUT FOR YOU-- ?!?

M-M-MEIKO...

IT DOESN'T MATTER !

YOU DON'T CARE ABOUT ME AT ALL!!

IDIOT!

MEIKO!

SNIP

KRAK

S...S... SOSHIRO... ?

SOSHIRO !

BOOO!!

KK

I LOVE YOU

SOSHIRO...

I LOVE YOU

MEIKO...

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